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Scouting is Alive in Cape Town

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Cubs

"The hills are alive with the sound of Pack Scouters" and music came true Friday 11 to Sunday 13 September as 30 odd Scouters converged on the UCSA site at the top of Bain's Kloof Pass for the **2009 Team Scream**. The time was well spent singing, screaming, relaxing, gathering ideas and skills, team building and generally having great fun together.

SURVIVOR 2009

"SERIOUS" CUB FUN

Seeonee at 1st Milnerton On Saturday 24 October saw 15 Scouters making 30 Christmas Crackers and other fun things. These were later donated to the TLC Organisation who spread cheer amongst the homeless.

Edward Shield 1st Stellenbosch was awesome on Sat 7 Nov. The Lord answered our prayers by holding back the rain to almost the end. Winners 2nd Somerset West with 1st Somerset West and 2nd Plumstead following. Thanks to Carol Mackay and her highly efficient team for a super day.

Audrey Hopkins is now our new APC Cub Program – having taken over from APC Donald Alexander in Oct 2009. We wish her well in this new Cub adventure!

Scouts & Rovers

2009 Gilwell Reunion for all Wood Badge holders and partners started at Sandvlei Sea Scout Base on Saturday 5 September with a once off regatta in Saldanha dinghies. This was followed by a fun car rally which finished up at the 1st Bergvliet Scout Hall where presentations were made including 16 Wood Badges, and the traditional count down and eats were enjoyed. Thanks to Brendan Dale and the organising committee for a super-duper memorable day filled with secrets, laughs and fun!

Baronese Jongbloed

Sun 27 Sep 2009

Quinn Trophy 2009 was held at the Sea Scout Base Sandvlei with a theme of art and 15 teams. The usual activities took place, volleyball, tug-o-war, cross country and many new ones. New activities included building model houses, mouth painting and the painting of a large Baden Powell which will be making an appearance shortly. 45 Non-Scouts joined us for the day as part of the Peer to Peer education process run by the education department, and our Scouts made us proud by comfortably interacting with them. 3rd Pinelands took the Quinn Trophy and 3rd Gugulethu the Cape Times Cross Country Trophy - well done to both and a big thanks to all who came and all who helped judge. Thanks also to Rob Callanan for assistance and Remo Oberzaucher as assistant Chief Judge. *Jürgen Dünhofen Chief Judge*

Climate Change Conference Copenhagen (COP15) -World Scouting (WOSM) was given observer status by the United Nations to attend the conference during December 2009. South Africa was given the opportunity to send a youth member as part of the delegation of 12 and Quintin Combrink from Cape Town went to represented SA and WOSM at this important event.

CEDERBERG 2010

Sat 11 to Thurs 23 December for Scouts 15 & up. Cost R2400 **Close Date 31 July**. Staff wanted! Visit the site http://www.scouting.org.za/adventure/ for more info.

"A worthwhile gift and a refreshing experience. Mike "Cheese" Meintjes is a living legend in South African Scouting... Mike's friends have now written a book on the life of this extraordinarily kind, caring, decent human being who has spent most of his boundless energy serving others and doing good. It is titled **"LIFE with MIKE or the man with the funny ears"** the forward is written by Morne du Plessis. This is no story of a "goody two shoes" but rather it tells of a physically tough man, a rugby player who stood back for no one, a mountaineer up with the best, a man of moral fibre, with a delightful sense of humour This book sets a standard for all of us that could make this world a better place. It is also fun to read! It is a terrific gift at R140 or investment for yourself and you can get copies by calling **John Mutti on 083 255 5699."**

Baden-Powell's Awards and Scout Origins

Our Example *[Ack Mpumalanga ScoUtiNg May2004]*

Baden-Powell himself said "Example is the greatest teacher there can ever be." And how true this is, even to Baden-Powell himself, for he gained awards which he didn't really want to accept, as he, like all who followed him down the ages over the years, always reckoned he was doing or had done, his "Good Turn" for which he could accept no reward. This related directly to both his army and his Scouting career amongst his boys. Just look at the letters behind his name, and you'll soon see the fine figure of a man, whose work, life and example was appreciated by all:

O.M. = Order of Merit
G.C.M.G. = Knight Grand Cross of St. Michael & St. George.
G.C.V.O. = Knight Grand Cross of the Victorian Order.
K.C.B. = Knight Commander of the Bath.
LL.D. = Doctor of Law
D.C.L. = Doctor of Civil Law.
F.R.G.S. = Fellow of the Royal Geographical Society.

So when you are studying for your exams, or learning for a test or a badge at Cubs or Scouts, just think of the man who started it all and how he must have worked at it until he succeeded, for he never gave up trying and he always did his best. This is the reason why people recognised and followed BP in this way - as our example - and a fine example he was.

LORD *Robert Stephenson Smyth* BADEN-POWELL OF GILWELL
O.M., G.C.M.G., G.C.V.O., K.C.B., LL.D., D.C.L., F.R.G.S.

The origin of the Scout uniform

Baden-Powell himself designed the khaki uniform of the South African Constabulary (much later to be the South African Police Force) especially for the outdoor conditions in South Africa. Oddly though, the original idea came from the dress of the Boers. This uniform, with variations, is still worn throughout the world today.

The origin of the Scout Motto

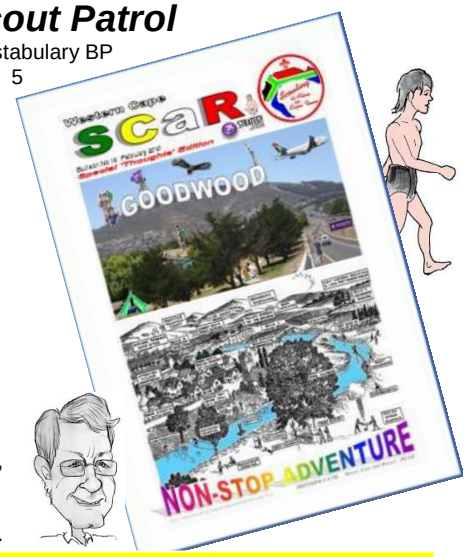
The motto of the South African Constabulary was 'Be Prepared' – two words which became the Scout motto when BP founded Scouting in 1907. Since then it has been translated into virtually every language on earth as the motto that Scouts now live by.

The origin of the Scout hat

The hat used by the South African Constabulary soon became the Scout hat and was ideally suited to conditions in South Africa. A slight deviation from the Boers old 'veldhoed' design, but with many very similar uses.

Origin of the Scout Patrol

In the old South African Constabulary BP Divided his vast territory into 5 Divisions (Areas). Each Division was divided into 4 Districts. The Districts were then divided into Troops. Each Troop was divided into Patrols and each Patrol consisted of 6 men. This 'Patrol System' was adapted by BP when he wrote 'Scouting for Boys' and introduced into Scouting. Cubs use a similar system called the Six System functioning with various Six's in a Pack.



The Origin of the Scout Flag

The Scout flag, a golden fleur-de-lys on a green background, originated in South Africa. The colours used by the South African Constabulary are those that represented the Transvaal (Gauteng) and Orange Free State at that time, green and gold.